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Memorandum For Cdrs DCMDs, DCMC CAOs

Subject: Integrating Commercial Business Practices with Government Acquisition Processes Course (TASKING)

Date: August 13, 1999

Target Audience: All DCMC personnel involved in the acquisition process.

New Information/Guidance/Tools:

- The National Contract Management Association and the National Association of Purchasing Management have developed a Computer Based Training course on integrating commercial business practices with Government acquisition processes. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) has strongly encouraged participation.
- The course was developed for all members of the acquisition team. DCMC Contracts, Pricing, Production, Engineering, and Quality Specialists have taken the course and have endorsed the content as providing a good overview of the commercial procurement sector. It identifies the differences between typical government and commercial contracting practices, where the risks are, and how issues may be approached with some fairly subtle shifts in traditional thinking.
- The course is a Web based application with an estimated completion period of 24 hours. Time and equipment should be provided during the regular paid work schedule to all interested personnel who want to take this course.
- CAO training coordinators should compile local requirements and forward a listing of participants to the District Workforce Development office. District Workforce Development staff will prepare a block DD 1556 for payment with the Training purchase card. Course requirements will be funded from within the current training allocations.
- The time spent completing this course should be charged to PLAS code 217D, Attend Computer Based Training.

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